

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on February 8, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 134, 2/1/2017; HB 298, 2/1/2017; HB 372, 2/1/2017
Executive Action: HB 227, HB 270

HEARING ON HB 372**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:38 Rep. Alan Doane (R), HD 36, opened the hearing on HB 372, Revise leave laws affecting certain community college staff.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:31 Scott Mickelsen, Dawson Community Collage

00:03:44 Kathleen Zander, Dawson Community Collage

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:53 Rep. Funk

00:09:31 Kathleen Zander, Dawson Community Collage

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:25 Rep. Doane

HEARING ON HB 298**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:11:11 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 298, Emphasize sexual abuse awareness and prevention in elementary schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:25 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)

00:15:22 Terra Walker Lyons, Self

00:16:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting

00:19:39 Derek Vanluchene, Ryan United

00:23:43 Kirsten Schmitt, Emma's House Children's Center

00:28:00 Rep. Bachmeier joined the meeting

00:29:54 Stacy Coulter, Self

00:35:09 Todd Devlin, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:37:17 Kaleigh Kuykendall, Self

00:38:38 Myra Kuykendall, Self

00:40:35 Eliahna Grande, Self

00:42:22 Karlee Grande, Self

00:43:58 Kevin Schmalz, Self

00:46:41 Allie Schmalz, Self

00:53:14 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

00:56:28 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:57:26 Kara Sperle, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:50 Rep. Vinton
00:58:33 Tarra Walker Lyons, Self
00:59:37 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:00:04 Tarra Walker Lyons, Self
01:01:57 Myra Kuykendall, Self
01:02:21 Rep. Schreiner
01:02:39 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
01:02:53 Rep. Schreiner
01:03:05 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
01:03:27 Chair Berglee
01:03:45 Tarra Walker Lyons, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

01:04:50 Rep. Greef

01:05:31 Recessed
01:14:09 Reconvened with Rep. Webber excused

HEARING ON HB 134**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:15:01 Rep. Jeff Essmann (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 134, Revise school funding related to facilities.

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a01\)](#)

01:18:20 Rep. B. Bennett joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

01:32:14 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a02\)](#)

01:37:50 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:40:18 EJ Redding, Bainville Public Schools
01:41:04 Kevin Nelson, Self

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a03\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:48:22 Ken Fichtler, Governors Office of Economic Development (GOED)
01:51:38 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip
01:57:17 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
02:00:25 Doug Russell, Kalispell City Manager
02:05:55 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
02:07:22 Bret Doney, Great Falls Development Authority
02:12:38 Taylor Oldoryd, Montana Association of Realtors
02:13:41 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(edh28a04\)](#)

02:15:11 Dan Semmems, Self
02:21:38 Robin O'day, Farran Reality
02:22:38 Julie Foster, Ravalli County Economic Development Authority (Ravalli County EDA)

EXHIBIT(edh28a05)

02:24:14 Bill Bronson, Great Falls City Commissioner
02:25:05 Ellen Buchanan, City of Missoula
02:26:42 Jay Skoog, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

EXHIBIT(edh28a06)

02:28:31 Jeff Krauss, Self
02:30:16 Chris Naumann, Downtown Bozeman Partnership
02:31:27 Daniel Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce
02:31:55 Jeremy Keene, WGM Group Inc
02:32:30 Tim Goodridge, East Billings Urban Renewal Districts
02:33:10 Mayor Bob Kelly, City of Great Falls
02:33:49 Web Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

02:34:18 Kara Sperle, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:34:45 Rep. Beard
02:36:27 Rep. Essmann
02:37:43 Rep. Greef
02:38:29 Julie Foster, Ravalli County EDA
02:38:42 Rep. Vinton
02:39:06 Rep. Essmann
02:39:42 Rep. Staffanson
02:40:19 Rep. Essmann
02:41:15 Rep. Funk
02:41:50 Rep. Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

02:43:41 Rep. Essmann

02:47:01 Recessed
02:52:25 Reconvened with Rep. B. Bennett excused

02:52:59 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:53:28 Rep. Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270

02:53:56 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 270 DO PASS**.

02:54:11 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 270 BE AMENDED**.
EXHIBIT(edh28a07)

Discussion:

02:54:30 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:57:45 Rep. Vinton

02:58:43 Rep. Funk

02:59:22 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

02:59:52 Rep. Funk

03:00:02 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

03:00:14 Rep. Price

03:00:43 Rep. Vinton

03:01:24 Rep. Staffanson

03:01:51 Rep. Anderson

03:02:53 Rep. Staffanson

03:03:01 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

03:03:34 Rep. Beard

03:04:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bennett, Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

03:05:42 Rep. Essmann

03:05:56 Rep. Schreiner

03:06:02 Rep. B. Bennett joined the meeting

03:06:22 Rep. Curtis

03:06:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 270 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 13-4 by voice vote with Rep. Curtis, Rep. G. Hertz, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 227

03:07:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 227 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. G. Hertz and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

03:08:45 Rep. Essmann

03:08:57 Rep. Curtis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:09:08

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh28aad.pdf](#))